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SPECIFICATION AND INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, citizenship, and mailing address are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if more than one name is listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed, and for which a patent is sought, on the invention entitled "HIGH SPEED SURGICAL CUTTING INSTRUMENT" the specification of which,

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on **February 11, 2004** as Application Serial No. **10/776,835**.
☐ and was amended on _____.

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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

PRIORITY CLAIM TO U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim the benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e)(1) of any United States Provisional Patent Application(s) listed below.

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FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) AND/OR CLAIM OF FOREIGN PRIORITY

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor(s) certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications for patent or inventor(s) certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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U.S. PRIORITY CLAIM

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DECLARATION

I declare that all statements made herein that are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements that are made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents with full powers (including the power of appointment, substitution, and revocation) to prosecute this application and any division, continuation, continuation-in-part, reexamination, or reissue thereof, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

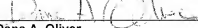
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